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SUBJ: US-CANADIAN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. SUMMARY: USUN HOSTED US-CANADIAN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 15. IN ADDITION TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON, US PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS AND UNP DIRECTOR HELMAN, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF USUN. CANADIAN TEAM CONSISTED OF DIRECTOR OF UN POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS FRANCIS, DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF UN AFFAIRS PEARSON AND JAMES S. NUTT, DIR GEN WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUREU, AS WELL AS CANADIAN UN MISSION PERSONNEL, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR BARTON. END SUMMARY

2. COLOMBO CONFERENCE:

PEARSON SAID THAT NONALIGNED MOVEMENT HAS BECOME MORE RADICAL. HE RAISED THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE UN. USUN MISOFF REPLIED THAT UN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OFTEN ARE PREPACKAGED BASED ON NAC DECISIONS.

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3. MIDDLE EAST

A. ISRAELI SUSPENSION: BOTH SIDE AGREED THAT SUSPENSION COULD COME UP IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IN GA BUT WOULD NOT SUCCEED. SCRANTON TOLD GROUP US HAS NOT YET DISCERNED COORDINATED ATTEMPT TO SUSPENSION. PEARSON SAID US POSITION WOULD BE IMPORTANT BECAUSE ANY MOVE THAT WOULD LEAD TO REPERCUSSIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD INFLUENCE US SUPPORT OF UN. CANADA WILL SPEAK TO SUSPENSION ISSUE IN ITS GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH. SCRANTON RECOGNIZED THERE WAS SERIOUS DANGER OF NUMEROUS ABSTENTIONS IF ISSUE IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE.

B. ZIONISM/RACISM: AMBASSADOR BARTON STATED ATTENTION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING "ZIONISM-RACISM" FROM FUTURE UN RESOLUTIONS.

C. UNRWA: LEWIS STATED THAT US WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UNRWA "ALIVE" VERY MUCH LONGER IF OTHERS FAIL TO CONTRIBUTE. AMB. BARTON SHARED OUR CONCERN AND SAID THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TECHNIZUES TO GET OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE. PEARSON DOUBTED THAT UNRWA BUDGET COULD BE CARRIED BY ONLY 20 COUNTRIES. HE SAID CANADA MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE MORE IF OTHER NATIONS CONTRIBUTED ON A REGULAR BASIS. AMBASSADOR BARTON SUGGESTED THAT THE UN SHOULD UNDERTAKE AUTHORITY TO PUT UNRWA CONTINGENCY LIABILITIES UNDER ITS REGULAR BUDGET.

4. TERRORISM:

FRG PROPOSAL ON HOSTAGES: PEARSON SAID CANADA WOULD SUPPORT FRG INITIATIVE BUT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN IT WILL COSPONSOR RESOLUTION. CANADIAN MISSOFF SAID THAT FRG MUST LOBBY THE LEADERS OF 3RD WORLD IN ORDER FOR ITS PROPOSAL TO SUCCEED. IT WAS FELT THAT FRG IS POSSIBLY TOO CAUTIOUS ON THE MATTER AND WANTS OTHERS, I.E., NORWEGIANS AND DANES, TO ACT FOR THEM. WE NOTED FRG SEEMS TO BE DONG SOME OF THE NECESSARY LEG WORK.

5. POLITICAL PRISONERS

SWEDISH INITIATIVE: CANADIAN UN MISSOFF TOLD GROUP SWEDES
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ARE STILL WORKING ON A REVISED DRAFT AND THAT IT
ENJOYS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP.

6. SOUTHER AFRICA

SCRANTON OBSERVED THAT WITH ALL THE GROUPS AND INTERESTS INVOLVED IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS IT IS CONEIVABLY A MORE DIFFICULT QUESTION THAN THE MIDDLE EAST. CANADIAN

MISOFF EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT USSR, CUBA AND OTHERS IN UN WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO UPSET SECRETARY W INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. A WORSENERED SITUATION IN AFRICA, SCRANTON NOTED, WOULD PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THESE NATIONS. CANADIAN MISOFF SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLY US COULD PREVENT ANGOLA FROM GIVING MILITARY AID TO SWAPO BY OFFERING IT A "CARROT", I.E., ECONOMIC AID. PEARSON ADDED THAT CANADA AS A NEW SC MEMBER WILL HAVE TO COORDINATE ITS VOTES ON AFRICA IN THE SC AND GA SO IT DOES NOT FIND ITSELF IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION. CANADIAN ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING OUR POSITION ON THE "CONVENTION DEALING WITH SENDING SPORTS TEAMS TO SOUTH AFRICA". US STATED THAT MATTER WOULD BE LOOKED INTO BY WASHINGTON.

7. REPORT OF THE C-24

USUN MISOFF STATED MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES SECTIONS OF C-24 REPORT WERE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR, BUT THAT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS WITH THE REPORT. HE SAID WE EXPECT TO HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST A FOURTH COMMITTEE RES ON GUAM AND THAT WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS WILL SUPPORT US. CANADIAN MISOFF SAID THAT US AND CANADA SHOULD HAVE EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON TACTICS ON THIS MATTER.

8. KOREA -- SEE SEPTTEL.

9. NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES

CANADIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BRUCE SAID N-S ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WERE PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THE UN. HE BELIEVES THAT GOODWILL CREATED BY SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS DISSIPATING RAPIDLY AND THAT SUBSTANTIVE WESTERN PROPOSALS MUST BE PLACED BEFORE G-77 IN CIEC. HE FURTHER
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CRITICIZED THE MEAGER WESTERN PROPOSALS PLACED BEFORE UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI. US AMB MYERSON AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING MOMENTUM IN CIEC AND ALSO MANAGING UNCTAD FOLLOWUP CAREFULLY. BOTH SIDES THOUGHT THE OUTLOOK FOR THE GA IN THIS AREA IS UNPREDICTABLE IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FALL-OUT FROM ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE. BRUCE MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR WESTERN (READ US) FLEXIBILITY ON THE LDC DEBT ISSUE.

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10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS:

A. COMMITTEE ON THE UN FINANCIAL EMERGENCY:

AMBASSADOR BARTON EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT
WOULD COME OUT OF THIS COMMITTEE. USUN MISOFF SAID THERE
WAS VERY LITTLE LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE.

B. PERSONNEL:

AMBASSADOR BARTON HOPED THAT WESTERN NATIONS WOULD DEMAND
REFORM OF GENEVA SALARY QUESTION DURING THIS GA. HE
DESCRIBED THE UN OPERATION IN GENEVA AS BEING "MEDIEVAL"
IN ITS MANAGEMENT.

C. UNEF AND UNDOF:

PEARSON TOLD MEETING THAT AT LAST COUT "18 OR 19" COUNTRIES
HAD NOT MET THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULES AND THIS WAS A
SOURCE OF CONCERN. SIMILAR PROBLEMS ARE FACED IN FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR THE CYPRUS OPERATION. AMBASSADOR BARTON
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SUGGESTED THAT CONTRIBUTORS COULD POSSIBLY PERSUADE DELINQUENTS TO

MEET THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BY THREATENING A CUTOFF OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

D. FRENCH PROPOSAL:

LEWIS SAID US INCLINED TO FAVOR FRENCH APPROACH BUT SUGGESTED THAT IT SHOULD BE TRIED DURING THE COMING YEAR IN TWO OR THREE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES NOT AT UNHQ. AMBASSADOR BARTON PROCEEDED TO IDENTIFY TWO PROBLEMS OF AGENCY MANAGEMENT: (1) UNCONTROLLED GROWTH AND (2) NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURES. IT WAS AGREED BY PARTICIPANTS THAT THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE EXAMINED CAREFULLY.

11. ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

BOTH SIDES EXPECTED RE-ELECTION OF WALDHEIM. CANADIAN MISOFF REPORTED THAT HE HAS HEARD RUMOR THIS MATTER WILL BE DEALT WITH EARLY DURING UPCOMING UNGA.

12. COMMENT: CONSULTATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A VERY CORDIAL LOW KEY ATMOSPHERE, THERE BEING FEW AREAS OF REAL DISAGREEMENT AND MANY AREAS WHERE WE ALREADY WORKING WELL TOGETHER. THE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CANADIANS AS TO UNRWA FINANCING REFLECT THEIR DEEP CONCERN WITH THIS MATTER. IT WAS ALSO OBVIOUS FROM MEETING THAT CANADIANS FEEL MUCH MORE CAN BE DONE BY THE WEST IN DEALING WITH NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. AMB BARTON BRINGS CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND TO HIS NEW POST, SPOKE WITH GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ON SEVEN DIFFICULT ITEMS SUCH AS ZIONSIM/RACISM, TERRORISM/HOSTAGES AND ACABQ PROBLEMS, AND SHOULD BECOME QUICKLY A LEADER IN THE WESTERN COMMUNITY AT THE UN.
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